

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
17 FEBRUARY 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased Workforce Participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour Market Strategies

Output 3.2.2: Industry and Labour Supply Strategies

Question Number: W261-05

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Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 80:

- (a) Could the department provide a complete list of employer focussed projects that deal with people with a disability and the level of funding for those projects?
- (b) Can the department identify the funding measures associated with each of those projects?

Answer:

The employer focussed projects that deal with people with a disability, the funding and funding source are as follows.

Projects approved in 2003-04

Project	Funding	Funding Source(s)
Disability Support Pension Pilot To develop and implement marketing strategies and employment service initiatives tailored to attract Disability Support Pensioners to Job Network and provide employment services.	\$1, 333,000 GST inclusive	A combination of Employment Innovation Fund (\$303,000) and Job Network Programme Funds (\$1,030,000).
Employers Making a Difference To pilot a co-ordinated approach in Newcastle, aimed at increasing labour market participation of people with a disability, using a media campaign and providing linkages between and support to employers, job seekers, employment service providers, and relevant government agencies.	\$109,725 GST inclusive	Employment Innovation Fund
Blind Citizens Australia (BCA) To facilitate 5 workshops on servicing and employment issues for people with vision impairment. Workshops were attended by BCA, Job Network members,	\$55,197 GST inclusive	Employment Innovation Fund

employers, vision impaired employees and DEWR. BCA also developed a comprehensive resource manual and content on vision impairment for the Disability Toolbox available on the JobAble site.		
IT Skills Hub To develop a model for increased employment of mature age workers and people with a disability in the IT industry, including a pilot of a supported work placement for job seekers.	\$69,850 GST inclusive	Employment Innovation Fund

Projects approved in 2004-05 to date

Deakin University To extend the Willing and Able Mentoring Programme to recent tertiary graduates who are also disabled job seekers, then to provide the programme to all disabled job seekers in Victoria (through Job Network referrals).	\$59,000 GST EXEMPT	Employment Innovation Fund
JobAble Is an on line tool kit that provides information to: Employment Service Providers, employers who want to employ people with a disability and job seekers. The information available to employers includes information, tips and strategies about working with a job seeker with a disability; the types of assistance available to employers who employ people with a disability; information about specific disabilities; and information on the benefits of employing job seekers with a disability.	\$72,500 GST inclusive	Job Network Support funds